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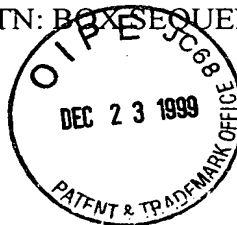
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice To Comply dated December 10, 1999, Applicants submit herewith a computer-readable Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have now submitted a computer-readable Sequence Listing corresponding to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing found in the specification at pages 46-59. The sequence information recorded in the computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the computer-readable Sequence Listing.